

February 21, 2013  
Margate City, New Jersey

THE PRESS AND THE DOWNBEACH CURRENT WERE NOTIFIED OF THESE MEETINGS AND A COPY OF SAME WAS POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BULLETIN BOARD AND THE WEBSITE

The work session was held on the above date at 4:00 p.m. and called to order by Mr. Becker. After the flag salute a roll call was taken: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg, Ms. Taube were present. The following department heads were present: Mr. Galantino, Mr. Walberg, Chiefs Tabasso & Wolfson, Ms. Larkin, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Verna, Mr. Ricciotti, Mr. Abbott, and Mr. Deaney.

**Reports:**

Mr. Galantino: After a discussion concerning waived permits due to Hurricane Sandy damage it was decided that March 1 all fees would be put back in place & Mr. Galantino will have the discretion to waive fees if proof is shown that work is needed due to the hurricane; lengthy discussion concerning FEMA meeting this morning at AC Convention Center – new working maps will be available on June 7<sup>th</sup> – the V zones will be changed or possibly eliminated since the city is fully bulkheaded- a true spirit of cooperation was felt among all, concessions have been made by FEMA due to the combined efforts of local, state, county officials. Mr. Walberg suggested that higher bulkheads are needed on Amherst Avenue & commissioners approved him surveying the city bulkhead heights & transmitting that information to FEMA (*there is money available for bulkhead repairs/replacement*)

Chief Wolfson: Attending MBA meetings to discuss summer events

Mr. Verna: New speaker system installed in multi-purpose room

Mr. Abbott: Provided commissioners with proposal regarding 114 N. Rumson Avenue - owner to replace bulkhead for the transfer of strip of city-owned land between his property and bulkhead instead of making this an outright sale (*Mr. Abbott recommended this to be done*); executive session needed to discuss Landscape Bids received – potential litigation; Dr. Farrell's bill will be paid mostly by Atlantic & Cape May Counties with only \$500 due per municipality

Mr. Deaney: Read a prepared statement concerning negotiations and FMBA contract settlement

Ms. McLaughlin: Costs submitted to FEMA totaled \$2.4 million for debris removal & 75% of that (\$1.8 million) will automatically be deposited to city account; storm related administrative costs will also be reimbursed; tonight's Ordinance adoption needed LFB approval to waive 5% down payment costs; budget meetings on-going; revised bond rating expected tomorrow

Mr. Ricciotti: Working on storm related damages to playground; PW Garage undergoing mold remediation

Chief Tabasso: Congrats on FMBA contract negotiations; Fire Station #1 renovations almost complete

Mr. Walberg: Updated projects; meeting tomorrow for CDBG money – city will supply costs for beach & bay bulkhead replacement since very little infrastructure damage (*approved*)

Mr. Becker: Thanks to Mr. Verna for new speaker system & all involved in FMBA contract negotiations; asked for input from residents on uses for City Hall, Historic Society buildings and UAS

**Public Participation:** John Sewell commented on fiduciary responsibilities of commissioners.

Sharon Simon applauded all who worked on FEMA map matter. Tom Scher, president of FMBA, thanked everyone for fair contract settlement. Steve Woerner congratulated all on final FMBA contract.

On motion this portion was closed with a vote of three ayes.

On motion the meeting was adjourned with a vote of three ayes.

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Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, New Jersey

Attest:

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Thomas D. Hiltner, City Clerk

The Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners began after the work meeting with a flag salute and roll call: Mr. Becker, Mr. Blumberg, Ms. Taube were present. Mr. Abbot and Mr. Deaney were present. The minutes from February 7, 2013 were approved as read on motion by Mr. Blumberg with a vote of three ayes.